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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Annie AUDIBERT et al
Serial No.: 09/628,423
Filed: July 28, 2000
For: METHOD AND FLUID FOR CONTROLLING THE
SATURATION OF A FORMATION CLOSE TO A WELL
Group: 1712
Examiner: Tucker

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

May 13, 2002

Sir:

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In response to the Office Action of February 13, 2002,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2, 6, 8 and 11 without prejudice or
disclaimer.

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, and 10 as follows:

a! SUB
B17 1. (Amended) A method for drilling or intervening in a
well passing through a porous, permeable formation in which a
water-based well fluid is circulating in said well, comprising